

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

June 25, 2013

AMENDMENT TO ITEM NO. 14

The creation of an independent external Blue Ribbon Commission to carefully examine the myriad issues affecting the County Department of Children and Families (DCFS) is a vital step in resolving persistent challenges within DCFS and earning the public's trust. While I wholeheartedly endorse this approach, our experience with the Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence revealed that a thorough review process takes time. In the interim, concrete actions—which were endorsed by this Board as part of the Department's strategic plan—can be taken.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that concurrent with the formation of the Blue Ribbon Commission, a monthly set item be placed on the Board of Supervisors agenda for the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services to report on the implementation status of the Department's Strategic Plan and budgetary priorities. Until the Blue Ribbon Commission concludes its review and analysis, and this Board acts upon their recommendations, it is the responsibility of this Board, in light of the recent

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child fatalities, to immediately ensure this Department continues to protect the safety of children under their care and supervision.

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